

SOLDIERS OF WAR OF 1812.

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
IN RELATION TO
Pensions of soldiers of the war of 1812.

JANUARY 27, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions and War of 1812 and ordered to be printed.

Whereas the Congress of the United States, in an act ratified 14th February, 1871, granting pensions to the soldiers of the war of 1812, have excluded from a participation in the benefits conferred by said act all surviving soldiers of said war who cannot establish their loyalty to the United States Government during the late civil war; and whereas it is well known and apparent that these old soldiers, so excluded, could not, by reason of their extreme old age, have taken an active part in said war; and whereas we, the legislature of North Carolina, insist that the discrimination is unwise and ungenerous; and whereas the said act of Congress pensioning soldiers' widows of the war of 1812 excludes from its benefits the widows of soldiers who were married after the termination of said war, and this discrimination, in its operation, amounts to a wholesale exclusion of nearly or quite all of said widows, for the reason that a large proportion of the soldiers of said war were young men, not married at the time of enlistment: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the senate, (the house of representatives concurring,) That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested and instructed to secure such amendments to said pension act as will fully remedy the discriminations and inequalities complained of in the foregoing preamble.

Resolved further, That the secretary of state is hereby instructed to furnish to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, under the seal of his office; to the end that the grievances complained of may be brought to the attention of Congress at an early day.

In general assembly read three times and ratified this 17th day of January, A. D. 1873.

J. L. ROBINSON,
Speaker of the House.
C. H. BROGDEN,
President of the Senate.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE SECRETARY OF STATE,
Raleigh, January 22, 1873.

I, William H. Howerton, secretary of state, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original resolutions on file in this office.

[SEAL.]

WM. H. HOWERTON,
Secretary of State.